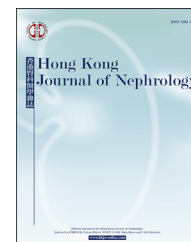


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EDITORIAL

The last issue of the *Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology*



This is the 19th volume and issue of the *Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology*. It is with a heavy heart that I write that, after 17 years in print, this will be the last issue of the journal.

The *Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology* was launched and first published in October 1999 under the leadership of Professor Philip Li and Dr Alex Yu as the Editor and Assistant Editor, respectively. Since 1999, an enormous amount of work has been devoted to the development of the journal by numerous people dedicated to the specialty of nephrology and who have made many significant contributions over the years.

The *Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology* has undoubtedly delivered on its major missions: (1) to promote clinical and scientific research in the field of nephrology; (2) to serve as a communication channel among nephrologists in Hong Kong, China, and the Asia-Pacific region; and (3) to provide a platform for the exchange of opinions on major issues for nephrologists in Hong Kong and Southeast Asia.

Since October 1999, 36 issues of the *Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology* have been published and it has included numerous in-depth original articles, exceptional cases, clinical reports, and reviews. I was honored to have been involved with the journal as Associate Editor during the years 1999–2005, and I have witnessed it grow from strength to strength. The journal has certainly helped nurture many budding nephrologists into the exceptional specialists they are today and help keep many of them up to date on the latest developments in nephrology. Year in

and year out, the *Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology* fulfilled its promises and progressed to the satisfaction of its readers, nephrologists, renal nurses, and students. The *Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology* is an invaluable asset of the Hong Kong Society of Nephrology. The opportunity to serve the *Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology* has been an honor and a privilege I shall never forget.

On looking back at the numerous achievements of the journal, we conclude by expressing our satisfaction and our gratitude. We thank the Hong Kong Society of Nephrology and the Executive Committee for their faith and support of the journal during this period, the authors for their contributions and criticism, and the readers for their encouragement.

This issue brings an end to the *Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology*, although its legacy will live on by the numerous renal specialists who have benefited from it and who will continue to make use of their knowledge to serve the wider community. Furthermore, the journal will not be forgotten, but remembered as an important stepping stone toward the growth of nephrology in the Asia-Pacific region.

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